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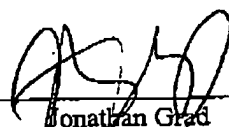
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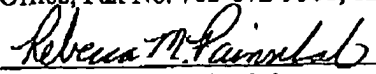
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Per my discussion with Examiner Bui, we are refaxing the original Amendment along with the documentation indicating that it was received and hereby request that the Amendment be accorded its November 1, 2004 filing date.

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